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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: ISSUE FEE**  
Toshiyasu TANAKA et al. : **Confirmation No. 4880**  
Serial No. 10/823,673 : [Group Art Unit 2872  
Filed April 14, 2004 : Examiner Leonidas Boutsikaris]

DIFFRACTION ELEMENT, OPTICAL  
HEAD DEVICE INCLUDING THE  
DIFFRACTION ELEMENT, OPTICAL  
INFORMATION APPARATUS INCLUDING  
THE OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE, SYSTEM  
INCLUDING THE OPTICAL INFORMATION  
APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
DESIGNING DIFFRACTION GRATING OF  
THE DIFFRACTION ELEMENT

: Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0540A

**RESPONSE TO ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance dated March 14, 2006, enclosed herewith is a copy of the claims including their status identifiers.

Respectfully submitted,

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